

## Mobile Irrigation Labs

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# WATER NEWSLETTER

Conservation education and outreach is an integral part of the South Florida Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) program. During Fiscal Year 2005, South Florida MILs participated in 176 presentations and events involving 26,300 people. MIL staff members give conservation presentations to school groups, homeowners associations, government agencies and local publications. They prepare and operate exhibits at conferences, fairs and tradeshows.

## Educating Our Youth



MIL staff members make presentations to schools on irrigation efficiency and water conservation, and frequently judge school

science fairs.

## Envirothon

Sponsored by Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Envirothons combine important learning opportunities with natural resource education.

"The Florida Envirothon is a problem-solving, natural resource education program for high school students. It is a field-oriented program in which students, working in teams of five, learn to use critical thinking skills, work as a team, and develop problem-solving and communications skills to answer written questions or conduct hands-on investigations about environmental issues."

(*Fl. Envirothon*).

<http://www.flenvirothon.org>



## Citrus Expo

Culminating their work with the citrus industry, MILs participated in an exhibit at the Citrus Expo, a seminar and trade show sponsored by Gulf Citrus Growers Association and Citrus Industry Magazine. This event is held annually in Fort Myers.

<http://www.imok.ufl.edu/citrus/expo>

## Annual Water Management Conference

Each year, Florida's five Water Management Districts, along with the Department of Environmental Protection, host a conference focusing on the progress of water management. Environmental restoration, efficient use of water supply, and technological advances are some of the topics discussed. MILs participate with displays and staffed exhibits.



[http://www.mcraeco.com/acowm\\_conf.html](http://www.mcraeco.com/acowm_conf.html)

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/calendar/conferences>

## Call Us!

MIL professionals are available for irrigation seminars, homeowners association meetings, education fairs, or any activity where irrigation efficiency is a concern. If your organization is looking to save money and conserve natural resources, arrange for an MIL presentation by contacting the South Florida Water Management District at the address or phone number below.



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